(*c*) the number of Government officials who were getting a pay of Rs. 25 and above (particulars to be given according to community and department);

(*d*) the number of officials belonging to different communities who were in service as it stood at the end of 30th June 1941; the percentage of officials in service according to their community (particulars to be given according to community);

(*e*) the number of officials in service who are now getting a salary of Rs. 25 and above (particulars to be given according to community and department)?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) Information according to departments is not available for the specific period indicated. But, figures available for 1918 (printed as an annexure to Government Order No. 1827-80/ E.A.G. 308, dated 16th May 1921 on the Miller Committee Report) are placed on the table. (Statement I). (*Vide* Appendix).

(*d*) Information is not readily available for the period specified. Figures available for the year ending 30th June 1940 are placed on the table (Statement II). (*Vide* appendix).

(*e*) Information is not readily available for the period specified. Figures available for the year ending 30th June 1940 are placed on the table (Statement III). (*Vide* Appendix).

MR. HONNASIDDIAH (Magadi—Rural).—

Q.—137. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the scale of amount paid to Mr. Rangiah, the temple priest for 'Paditara' purpose in the Sree Ranganatha Temple, Dodda Mudigere Village, Thippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk;

(*b*) whether he has been paid according to that scale since 1921;

(*c*) if so, which are those months and years;

(*d*) the amount paid and the amount due to him;

(*e*) in how many years since 1921, has the amount been withheld;

(*f*) the reason for withholding the same;

(*g*) how many times has the priest asked for the same through petitions; what is the reply given by Government in this behalf?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

A.—(*a*) Rs. 6 per mensem.

(*b*) and (*c*) He was not paid according to this scale before February 1921 and October 1934.

(*d*) and (*e*) No amount was paid for the period mentioned above nor is any amount due.

(*f*) The Archak's claim was rejected as it was belated and could not be verified.

(*g*) Three times from 1931 to 1934. Final orders of Government were passed on 15th October 1935, rejecting his claims for arrears of Paditara and sanctioning only arrears of pay amounting to Rs. 1,950.